



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Arkansas Summary

On September 14, 2016, 31 out of 31 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 31 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

357 Victims Served in One Day

276 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

81 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

| Services Provided by Local Programs | Sept. 14th |
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| Emergency Shelter | 77% |
| Children’s Support or Advocacy | 74% |
| Transportation | 61% |
| Group Support or Advocacy | 52% |
| Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs | 42% |

144 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff answered **144** calls, averaging **6** hotline calls every hour.

215 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **215** individuals in communities across Arkansas attended **17** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

9 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 78% (7) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **9** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Arkansas, **9** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**67%**) of these positions were for direct services such as shelter or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “A victim came to shelter for services after leaving her abusive husband in Ecuador. She was looking for support and resources to help her establish income and stable housing. She passed her driving test and was so excited. She told the outreach advocate that she would not have been able to do it without her help.”

